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## Whatcom County Fire District No. 7

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Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

Please accept this letter into the record for the BP Cherry Point Co Generation Project. At the regular October Board of Commissioner's meeting the issue was reviewed. By motion of the board, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No.7 is in full support of the project. This decision was made after careful review of staff concerning a number of issues, which are directly related to the fire department.

Our staff was involved early on in the process of the Co Generation Project at the Cherry Point Refinery. We have teamed up with project leaders to have a clear understanding of all aspects of the design, construction and operation of the facility when completed.

Whatcom County Fire District No.7 has been the AHJ for the refinery since it began operation in the early 70's. During that time our department has had a fine relationship with the management and operational division onsite. This close relationship has allowed our two organizations public and private to provide for a high level of emergency response to the facility and the surrounding area.

Our staff has recognized a number of benefits to the Cherry Point Refinery from the completion of the Co Generation Project. The area is zoned for this type of occupancy and will have little to no impact on the public in general. The economic benefit to the local area and the State of Washington will be substantial also.

The impact statement prepared by the project team is very comprehensive and detailed, which has involved the fire department fully. A stable supply of power to the facility, which will not be

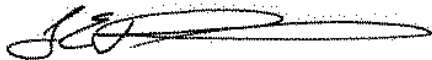
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interrupted due to weather, mechanical failure or regional issues outside the site is paramount. This is very important due to the fact that a loss of power can cause a failure of the process, which could be detrimental to the safety of the facility, the employees and an economic disaster to the area.

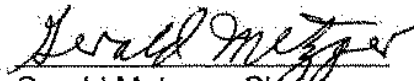
The Co Generation of power and steam will replace the need for the current steam producing heater units, which pose a greater fire hazard within the facility. The reduction of the heater unit reduces the amount of emission released into the atmosphere, which is in the best interest of the general public.

For these reasons the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No.7 requests that EFSEC recommend approval of the BP Cherry Point Refinery Co Generation Project.

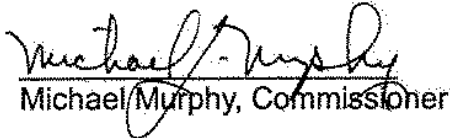
Respectfully,



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